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SUBJECT: CBS CORRESPONDENT'S PROBLEM

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1. JACK LAURENCE AND HIS CAMERA CREW WERE DETAINED BY OAU SECURITY WHEN THEY REPORTEDLY TRIED FILM COURTYARD OF AKAKI PRISON WHERE NOVEMBER 23 EXECUTIONS TOOK PLACE. CREW WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED BUT CREDENTIALS HAD NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN RETURNED SUNDAY MORNING. LAURENCE AND COMPANY ARE NOT RPT NOT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THEY ATTEMPTED FILM COURTYARD AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT CAPACITY LOCAL FACILITIES PROCESS FILM PROMPTLY. "DIRG" SOURCE HAS TOLD USIS THAT CREW SUSPECTED OF HAVING FILMED COURTYARD AND THIS WAS REASON FOR CONFISCATION OF FILM. SAME SOURCE REPORTEDLY STATED DECEMBER 2 THAT CBS CREW MAY GET FILM AND CREDENTIALS BACK.

2. SAME CREW "DISAPPEARED" SUBSEQUENT TO DECEMBER 2 BOMBINGS IN ADDIS (SEPTTEL) AND JACK LAURENCE OF OPINION THAT ALL FOREIGN FILM CREWS WHO ATTEMPTED COVER RESULT OF EXPLOSIONS AS WELL AS MANY CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY SECURITY. WE ARE CHECKING AND WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED.

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